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Serial No. 09/214,971 Group Art Unit: 1772
Filed: January 15, 1999 Docket No. 58009-011900
Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A COMPOSITE MATERIAL AND MATERIAL
OBTAINED BY MEANS OF SAID METHOD

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RESPONSE

BOX: NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 7, 2003, and Applicants' representative's telephone conference with Examiner Chevalier, Applicants' respond as follows:

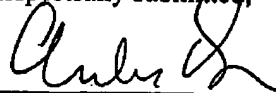
REMARKS

The Examiner has requested marked up versions of Claims 9, 14, 19-27 and 30. These claims were not amended and were placed in the text of the Amendment for purposes of clarity only.

Therefore, Applicants' are resubmitting the Amendment with the non-amended claims removed which now places it in compliance with PTO guidelines. Applicants' are not resubmitting the Exhibits as the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment states that this is not necessary.

It is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance, and such early action is respectfully solicited. Should matters remain which the Examiner believes could be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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Comments Please find attached:

1. General Transmittal
2. Response
3. (Revised) Amendment

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

1. Response.
2. (Revised) Amendment without previously provided Exhibits A-D and Samples 3'-6'''.
3. Please consider this a ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF time from March 6, 2003 until April 6, 2003, in which to respond to the Office Action of February 7, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Petition Fee of \$55.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-1561.

The Commissioner is also authorized to charge or credit any additional fees, which may be required by this paper, as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 to Account No. 50-1561.

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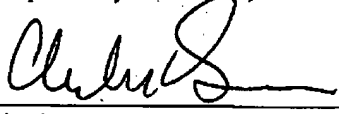
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(REVISED) AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the paper mailed August 27, 2002, and a prior unreceived Office Action faxed to the Applicant on or about September 13, 2002, kindly enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter the following claims:

8. A method of using a composite material, comprising:
a supporting material in the form of sheet or roll constituted by a mixture of a reconstructed leather material or natural leather an embossed covering surface layer including a film in polyethylene, to provide a composite material of only two materials, the materials being the supporting material and the polyethylene film; and

the composite being for producing a product being selectively footwear soles and/or heels and/or vamps and/or toes, and/or suitcase elements spectacle-cases and/or briefcases, and/or chairs or sofas elements or structures or furniture or furnishing elements, and including the step of forming the material into a shape to produce at least one of the products,

13. A method of using composite material, comprising:

a supporting material in the form of sheet or roll constituted by one of the following materials
a reconstructed leather material or natural leather;
a covering surface layer including a polyethylene film;
there being no foam between the supporting material and film; and

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